

Illinois Congressional District 14

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is the cornerstone of the Nation's nutrition assistance safety net. SNAP touches the lives of over one in seven Americans. Benefits are available to most people who meet the financial requirements, and the program serves a broad spectrum of low income people. In Fiscal Year 2010, SNAP provided about \$2.8 billion dollars in food benefits to a monthly average of over 1.6 million people in Illinois. The program served 80 percent of those eligible for benefits in Illinois in 2008. SNAP also has an economic multiplier effect with every \$5 in new SNAP benefits generating as much as \$9 in total economic activity.

The American Community Survey provides a snapshot of SNAP participants in 2007-2009 for each Congressional District. More detailed information for the Nation and each State is presented in Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households: Fiscal Year 2010, available at www.fns.usda.gov/ora.

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Characteristics	Households Receiving SNAP	Households Not Receiving SNAP	Total
Households	16,036	255,076	271,112
With one or more people 60 years and over	14.9%	27.4%	26.6%
With children under 18 years	66.8%	38.8%	40.5%
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS			
Below poverty level	47.1%	5.6%	8.0%
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER			
White	55.1%	86.1%	84.2%
Black or African American	21.7%	3.6%	4.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0%	0%	0%
Asian	1.8%	2.6%	2.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0%	0%	0%
Some other race	18.8%	6.6%	7.3%
Two or more races	2.5%	1.0%	1.1%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	33.0%	14.5%	15.6%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	42.1%	78.5%	76.3%
HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2009 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)			
Median income (dollars)	\$22,508.00	\$69,189.00	\$66,125.00
WORK STATUS			
Families	12,306	185,664	197,970
No workers in past 12 months	15.5%	7.9%	8.4%
1 worker in past 12 months	49.9%	25.7%	27.2%
2 or more workers in past 12 months	34.6%	66.4%	64.4%

Sources:

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